

## STAFF REPORT

TO: Asheville Public Safety Committee                      DATE: June 27, 2015

FROM: Tammy Hooper, Chief-of-Police

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SUBJECT: DWI Task Force Agreement

### Summary Statement:

Staff seeks the committee's recommendation to City Council that it authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) concerning operations of the Asheville/Buncombe DWI Task Force.

### Review and Analysis:

The number of impaired drivers on our roads has been a serious concern to citizens and law enforcement in Asheville and Buncombe County for many years. Following a review of statistics on arrests, collisions and fatalities in Buncombe County involving impaired drivers, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Project contacted APD and suggested a special task force with a goal of reducing those numbers, as well as educating the public on impaired driving and its effects. Now in its second year, the APD and BCSO have agreed to memorialize certain practices such as which agency's policies will govern task force operations, supervisory responsibilities over task force personnel and vehicle markings.

APD Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher and Buncombe County Sheriff Van Duncan reached agreement on terms in June, and staff now seeks the committee's recommendation to City Council that the agreement be authorized as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-461.

This action complies with City Council's Strategic Operating Plan in the following Focus Area: (1) Safe – the City of Asheville will be one of the safest and most secure communities when compared to similar cities.

### Pros:

- Provides clarity about each agency's role and responsibilities as members of the DWI task force.

Cons:

- None noted.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Public Safety Committee recommend City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City and BCSO memorializing operational practices of the Asheville/Buncombe DWI Task Force

Attachments:

(1) Agreement